

Appl. No. 09/119,209
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REMARKS

Pending Claims:

Claims 50, 52-53, and 57-62 remain pending in this application. These claims have previously been indicated allowable by the Examiner, but are now rejected under newly cited prior art, as discussed below. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims.

Anticipation Rejection:

Claims 50, 52- 53, and 57-62 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. 102(e) as anticipated by Tedder, U.S. Patent No. 6, 020,152. Applicant's respectfully traverse this rejection.

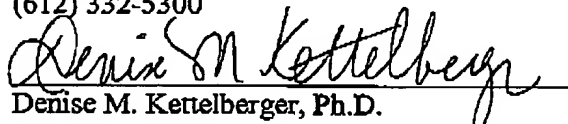
Under 35 U.S. C. 102(e), claims are rejected if described in a patent filed by another in the United States before the invention by the applicant. The cited Tedder patent shows on its cover a priority date of February 21, 1989. The instant application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent No. 5,098,833, and has a priority filing date of February 23, 1989. Applicant's assert possession of the claimed invention prior to the February 21, 1989 filing date of the cited reference.

Applicant's filing date is only two days past the cited 102(e) date of the reference. An antidating declaration showing possession of the invention two days prior to the filing date will be submitted shortly.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for clarification of any of these Remarks or to futher prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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